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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 10, 2002, Applicants mailed an amendment to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 10, 2002. This Supplemental Amendment is being sent to correct minor typographical errors and informalities in the application. Before re-examining the application kindly enter the below amendment into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 3 and 4 to read as follows.

(1)3. An improved pressure vessel comprising:

a tubular casing having an internal cavity and an opening in at least one end permitting access to said internal cavity;

a plug region followed by a hollow interior, the plug region being adjacent said opening with a plug therein, the plug and plug region having a cross section diminishing

in diameter with distance from the opening; and,